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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Chinese Office Action dated November 30, 2007
(and English translation thereof) issued in a
counterpart Chinese Patent Application;
- (2) Copy of the cited Japanese reference; and
- (3) IDS Form.

An English translation of the Chinese Office Action is
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USP 5,253,619 and JP 07-332169 cited in the Chinese Office Action were cited in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 29, 2006, and therefore are not cited again herein.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from foreign patent offices in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communication bears a mailing date of **November 30, 2007**. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) and does not require a fee.

It is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the publication listed therein has been considered and made of record.

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